

REMARKS

The Action includes an Election of Species Requirement requiring an election from the following species:

Species I.: **Figures 1-4**

Species II.: **Figures 5-9**

Species III.: **Figures 10 and 11**

Species IV.: **Figures 12 and 13**

Species V.: **Figure 14**

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species IV (**Figures 12 and 13**). Claims 1-2, 5-20, 23-28, 30-32, and 34-43 read on the elected species. Claims 3, 4, 21, 22, 29 and 33 have been withdrawn as directed to non-elected species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. Should the Examiner have any matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

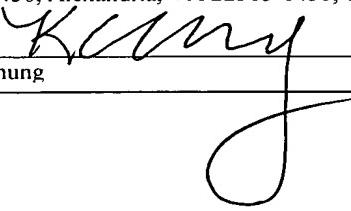
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